

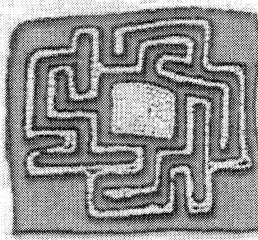
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Background on the Tribal Legal Development Clinic

The Tribal Legal Development Clinic (TLDC) provides instruction to law and MA students and supervises clinical work on approved tribal legal development projects at the request of American Indian Tribes and Tribal Organizations.

The TLDC trains students to work with tribal councils, general councils, judiciaries, administrators, tribal organizations, and tribal communities to build, enhance, and/or reform their legal institutions and laws. Past projects have included:

- Constitution drafting and reform
- Drafting of tribal laws, rules, and protocols regulating selected areas
- Setting up tribal court systems
- Law clerking services (assisting tribal councils, general councils and tribal courts in the research and disposition of disputes that come before them, including dependency matters brought before tribal courts)
- Working with tribal nonprofits and nonprofits that serve tribes to develop model laws, rules, and trainings in selected areas

The TLDC works closely with tribal attorneys, administrators, councils and grant managers to carry out legal projects and to execute grant deliverables as specified.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TLDC IS A NON-LITIGATION LAW CLINIC. WE DO NOT REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS IN TRIBAL, STATE OR FEDERAL COURT PROCEEDINGS.

TLDC Tribal Dependency Services

The TLDC, in collaboration with the nonprofit Tribal Law & Policy Institute, is currently designing a model tribal children's code development process. The goal of the collaboration is to provide tribes launching their dependency dockets or revising their existing children's laws, with a community process for drafting or reforming tribal law. Reforms are targeted at maximizing child protection and tailoring the tribal law to local customs and traditions. The final publication, due out in late 2005, will include the latest comparative research (federal, state, and tribal), federal requirements, and sample statutory language. For more information about the TLDC, the Tribal Law & Policy Institute, and the Model Tribal Children's Code Development Process please contact:

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